

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

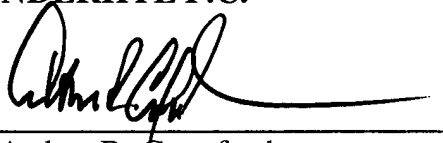
Claims 10, 14, 15, and 27 are amended to include a fine sucrose crystal size of less than 30 μm as disclosed in the specification at page 2, lines 14 and 25 (and elsewhere) and featured in product claims 1-6.

Please consider the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement when examining claims 1-28 which are believed to be allowable for the same reasons as stated by the examiner in the Notice of Allowability mailed September 24, 2003.

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